



Los Angeles County Commission for Women 2020 RESILIENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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Commissioner Janet Elliot Mummey, Esq., had the foresight and impetus to create the Resilience Scholarship. A tireless champion for women, children, and the elderly, she dedicated her professional career to empowering and improving education for women. The Commission for Women is eternally grateful for her leadership, dedication and the quest for equity and justice.

PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

Since its inception in 1999, the Resilience Scholarship has provided women within Los Angeles County the support to achieve their educational goals. Our scholarship serves as a supplemental resource designed to subsidize incidentals above and beyond those allowable expenses covered by federal and state financial aid.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Enrolled at a high school, or community college, or trade school or an accredited university, and provide proof of enrollment.
2. High School students must provide official verification of graduation or completion of GED.
3. Have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA from high school, community college, trade school or university.
4. Reside within Los Angeles County, if you are first-time applicant. Applicants applying for a subsequent scholarship are not required to maintain residency in Los Angeles County. Subsequent applicants may be considered if they verify continued enrollment in an academic or vocational program.

APPLICANT GUIDELINES

In consideration of COVID19 and the social distancing orders resulting from this impending health crisis, LACCW elected to temporarily alter the 2020 application guidelines to simplify the scholarship application process.

1. The completed application packet must be emailed to laccw@bos.lacounty.gov by **Friday, July 31st, 2020.**

Packet should include:

- ✓ Scholarship application
- ✓ Two essay statements
- ✓ One letter of recommendation - **(Optional but not required)**
- ✓ Unofficial transcripts, a recent report card, or a screenshot of a class schedule that illustrates the name of the school and the name and contact information of a school representative (teacher, counselor, or administrator)

2. Application **MUST BE TYPED; handwritten applications will be disqualified.** Fill out sections 1-3 of the application and use separate sheets of paper for section 4 (essay response).
3. Type each essay questions on a separate page. Each essay must be at least one (1) page and no more than two (2) pages long. Essays that are less than one (1) page long will be disqualified. Essays will be **evaluated and scored** based on content, grammar, spelling, and sentence structure.
4. If you elect to submit a letter of recommendation, it should come from an employer, academic counselor, teacher, clergy, and/or a representative from a social service agency. The letter serves as a character reference and should address work, volunteer activities, or academic ethic, as well as potential perseverance. The letter must be signed, dated, and include the author's contact information.
5. **INCOMPLETE (missing an essay or letter of recommendation) and/or HANDWRITTEN applications will be disqualified.**
6. The typed application and supplemental documents must be sent via:
 - ✓ E-Mail: laccw@bos.lacounty.gov

For additional information or questions, please contact Commission Services staff at (213) 974-1455.

SCHOLARSHIP EVALUATION and SELECTION PROCESS

Los Angeles County staff will first review the scholarship applications to determine if applicants meet the eligibility criteria, application was received or postmarked by the deadline, is filled out, and contains all required documentation. All valid applications are then forwarded to members of the Education Committee for review and selection of recipients. Applications are evaluated and scored based on the following rubric:

- Resilience: 0-40 points
- Personal Statement: 0-30 points
- Scholarship Statement: 0-30 points



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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

It is possible to receive multiple sources of financial aid, including grants, loans, or other scholarships. Some sources of financial aid may place restrictions or limitations on the use of funds. However, the Resilience Scholarship can cover incidental costs that extend above and beyond fees and tuition.

Example of Incidental Costs

- ✓ School supplies and equipment
- ✓ Ebooks, rental textbooks
- ✓ Computers, tablets, calculator, printers, and software
- ✓ Eye, Dental or Health Insurance
- ✓ Childcare

INFORMATION FOR SELECTED RECIPIENTS

Here again, in consideration of COVID 19 and the social distancing order resulting this impending health crisis, it may not be feasible to hold the traditional celebratory ceremony and orientation mentioned below. Notification concerning the traditional activities or alternative type of social gathering will be provided at later time.

Selected 2020 recipients will be invited to attend a scholarship orientation and a Board of Supervisors meeting at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Building. At the Board of Supervisors meeting, recipients will be honored and presented with a certificate by the respective district Supervisor. Dates for both the orientation and Board of Supervisors meeting will be provided at a later date.

The purpose of the orientation is to review scholarship guidelines and expectations. In addition to meeting the Supervisors, recipients have an opportunity to meet, speak and network with members of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided at the orientation.

Prior to issuing the scholarship check, submit one of the following via E-Mail to:

laccw@bos.lacounty.gov

- ✓ Copy of current driver's license, or state ID or school ID, or passport with your picture
- ✓ Copy of your Social Security card or ITIN card
- ✓ High school students must submit verification of graduation from high school and completion of good academic (a minimum of 2.0 GPA) standing.
- ✓ Community college recipients must submit proof of enrollment from new institution and most transcripts from the former college.
- ✓ University students must submit transcripts with most recent term grades and proof of enrollment for next term
- ✓ Subsequent recipients must submit most recent term grades and proof of enrollment for next term



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APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED

SECTION 1: CONTACT INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mobile: _____ Home/Alt Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

(Re-applicants only) List the year(s) that you received scholarship(s) from the Commission: _____

Name and address of a contact person not living at your address:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Home/Alt Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Relationship: _____

SECTION 2: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth: _____ Do you reside at home with your parents? Yes _____ No _____

Marital Status: Single _____ Married _____ Do you have any dependents? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, indicate number of dependents _____ Are you a single parent? Yes _____ No _____

Please indicate your average annual income _____

SECTION 3: EDUCATION

1. Currently enrolled at a:

High School ____ Community College ____ Trade/Vocational School ____ University ____

Name of school: _____

2. Cumulative GPA: _____ (Please attach official transcript)

3. Expected graduation date: _____

High School Applicants Only

4. After graduation I will enroll at a:

☐ Trade School ☐ Community College ☐ Four-year College

5. Name of the institution you will attend after graduation:

Indicate major/program: _____ Enrollment Date: _____

Attending: Part-Time (1-6 units) _____ or Full-Time (6+ units) _____

University/College/Trade Schools Students Only

6. Indicate your degree level: Undergraduate (working on BA/BS) ____

Graduate (working on Master's or Doctoral) ____ Vocational/Trade Program ____

7. Indicate major/program: _____

8. Enrolled: Part-time _____ or Full-Time _____

SECTION 4 – ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Section 4 A and B consists of two essay questions: 4A is a Personal Statement; and 4B is a Scholarship Statement. Read questions carefully and respond accordingly, essays will be **evaluated and scored** based on content, grammar, spelling, stylistic and sentence structure.

Section 4 A and B

Prepare a one to two-page typed essay for both the Personal Statement and Scholarship Statement. Please use MLA format. (Essays that are less than one page will be disqualified.)

A. Personal Statement:

1. Describe your personal qualities and explain how you turned obstacles into opportunities.

B. Scholarship Statement:

2. What does the Los Angeles County Commission for Women's slogan "Educating, Motivating and Inspiring Women" mean to you?

SECTION 5 – RECOMMENDATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Letter of Recommendation (Optional)

If possible, submit **one current letter** of recommendation. The recommendation must be prepared by someone whom you know well, and who can offer a character reference. Recommendations should come from your employer, or an academic counselor, a teacher, a clergy member, or a representative from a social service agency. If you serve as a volunteer, ask the supervisor who oversees your work for a recommendation.

The recommendation must contain:

1. Evidence of work ethic, academic accomplishments, student involvement, perseverance, leadership, teamwork, or community service; and
2. Official letterhead (**if available**), the name and relationship of contact reference, business address and phone information, as well as a date and signature of person writing the letter.

